Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know whether any horses or mares were purchased when the Commissioner of Police went to Bangalore?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes; a few were purchased.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know whether a second class officer is also taken with him when he goes on circuit?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know whether he met the Commissioner of Police and the Inspector-General there?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I did. The second class officer referred to is Mr. P. V. Raman Menon, a Sub-Inspector. He is my camp clerk. He was taken to take notes from the offices of the Commissioner of Police and the Inspector-General on the office procedure and other information.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—From the Appendix it is found that Mr. P. Damodara Menon takes only an ordinary clerk when he goes on circuit. I do not know why the Commissioner of Police should take a second class officer.

President.—Comparisons are not necessary. The thing is the Police Commissioner wanted a second class officer. He need not follow the rule followed by Mr. P. Damodara Menon.

615. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the Heads of Departments who went on circuit outside Cochin during this year with the object of their tour and amount of T. A. drawn by each?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Vide answer to question No. 614.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I have cancelled that question before asking the above question. I do not know how it has come here.

President.—How was this question included then?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—I shall see. It may be that the request for cancellation came in only long after the question was sent to the Secretariat for preparing the answer.

Increments to Officers.

616. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of officers and subordinates in the service of the State who were given more than the ordinary one annual increments in their salaries and pay during each of the last 3 years and 1104 and the reasons for the special treatment in each case?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—The Member is referred to the answer furnished to question No. 469 of the Legislative Session

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of 1102. A list collected so far of officers to whom increments have been given since then is also appended. (*Vide Appendix III.*)

Allegation against a Police Constable.

617. **Dr. A. R. Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to answer:—

(a) whether there was any petition from Mr. Chanchan, M. L. C., containing certain allegations against a constable on duty at Ernakulam Bazaar Road; if the answer is in the affirmative, what were these allegations;

(b) to whom the petition was first presented; what action was taken by that officer; was there any subsequent enquiry made by any other officer; if so, the name of the officer and the nature of his report;

(c) was the constable punished; if so, the nature of the punishment and the name of the constable;

(d) was the constable given a chance to submit his explanation and to cross-examine the witnesses on whose statements the report and the final orders were passed;

(e) did the Commissioner make a personal enquiry in the matter;

(f) will the Government be pleased to place all the papers relating to this on the Table?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) Yes. The allegations were that, as Mr. Chanchan was standing shopping in the Ernakulam bazaar on the after-noon of 22nd Makaram 1104, a constable directed him to get out of the way, and that, on his representing that he was there for making purchases, the constable threatened to beat him if he did not clear away, shoved him and, dragging him by the hand, forced him to stand at a particular spot in the presence of a large number of people including a few of his caste-men.

(b) The petition was first presented to the A Division Inspector, Mr. V. A. Pascal. He forwarded it with his remarks to the Probationary Inspector, Mr. Mannadi Nayar, who claims jurisdiction over Ernakulam Town. Enquiries were made on this by Mr. Mannadi Nayar and subsequently Mr. V. A. Pascal under the orders of the Commissioner. The final report of enquiry of Mr. Pascal disclosed that the constable had misbehaved.

(c) Yes. Constable 95, Parameswara Menon, the constable responsible, was fined eight annas and transferred to Chittur as a punishment.

(d) His written explanation was taken. In enquiries of this kind it was not usual to allow such cross-examination.

(e) No.

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APPENDIX III.

(Vide answer to Question No. 616.)

	Names of Designation.	Reasons.
1	Mr, P. Neelakanda Menon, Commissioner of Police.	Generally in recognition of the record of their past services and as an incentive for efficient work in future.
2	Mr.U. Kandar Menon, Secretary to the Diwan.	
3	Mr. K. G. Sebastian, 3rd Clerk, Tramway Engineer's Office.	
4	Mrs. Kohl hoff, Assistant Surgeon.	
5	Mr. C. R. Balasubramania Ayyar, Excise Inspector, Kanayannur.	
6	Mr. T. P. Narayana Ayyar, Excise Inspector, Talapilly.	
7	Mr. A. Renganatha Rao, Superintendent, Comptroller's Office.	
8	Mr. N. N. Dharmaraja Ayyar, Head clerk, Office of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies.	
9	Mr. R. Sesha Ayyar, Receiver's clerk, Anjikaimal District Court.	
10	Mr. K. Kochunni Menon, Superintendent of Registration (Retired).	
11	Mr. A. P. Anthony, Superintendent of Registration.	
12	Mr. T. P. Anantanarayana Ayyar, Senior Inspector of Schools.	
13	Mr. T. P. Verghese, Headmaster, Training School, Trichur.	
14	Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon, Diwan Peishkar.	
15	Mr. T. V. Ramalinga Ayyar, District Magistrate.	
16	Mr. C. V. Antony, Excise Superintendent.	
17	Mr. V. Achyuta Menon, Anchal Superintendent.	

APPENDIX IV.

(Vide answer to Question No. 620.)

Letter, dated 19th March 1929, C. No. 933 of 04 from the Inspector, Central Division.

With reference to your Memo, dated 1—3—1929, L. C. No. 12 of 04, I have the honour to report that the article is a little bit exaggerated. There has been no compulsion on the non-Christian pupils.

The explanation of the manager may be accepted and the matter dropped.

The cutting is also herewith returned.

Explanation dated 4—3—04, from the Manager, St. Antony's Lower Secondary School, Mala.

With reference to your order, dated 20—2—04, C. No. 933 of 1104 consequent upon D. P. I's. Memo, dated 29—9—28, L. C. 12 of 04, I have the honour to submit the following explanation to your sympathetic perusal.

I shall not be far from being right if I deny the veracity of the article published in 'Mahathi' *in toto*. It is a practice, followed in all Christian institutions, to utter a short prayer at 12 noon. This fact I have insisted in my school too. During the prayer time the non-Catholics are expected to keep perfect silence, lest they might be a disturbance during that short time of devotion. I am very sorry that either 'Mahathi' has misunderstood our action or that some evil genius is working behind her against us. There is some truth in the short catastrophe which took place in our school. Once during the prayer time some non-Catholics, disturbing the prayers contrary to our expectation, were sent out of the class. They were soon allowed to enter the class on the strength of their promise of better behaviour in future. Thereafter the prayer business has been going on without any molestation or complaint.

With due deference to humility may I request your honour not to put us to task by explanations for such random articles which are, in most cases, the work of our antagonists, who are always on the lookout to wield their pen against us, with the settled and conspired motive of murdering the established reputation of our budding institution

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